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The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169, and 96-86; PS
Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:

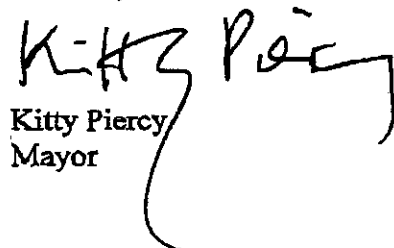
I am writing today to urge the Commission to take advantage of an historic opportunity to dramatically improve public safety communications for all first responders. The FCC has the opportunity to designate at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership. By doing this, the FCC can bring an end to the days when lives are lost because as first responder agencies cannot effectively communicate with each other.

There are two major obstacles that have hampered efforts to bring about a nationwide, interoperable broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply aren't there. Second, public safety needs more spectrum than it has to make a broadband network work.

We need a first responder emergency network would is truly national in scope, serving 99 percent of the U.S. population and would allow local agencies substantial control. I encourage you to support a public/private partnership to create a national, interoperable broadband network. This network would double the amount of spectrum available to public safety during emergencies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,


Kitty Piercy
Mayor

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